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Cc: Abrams, Dan[Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; StClair, Christie[StClair.Christie@epa.gov]; EOC Public Information[EOC_Public_Information@epa.gov]; Press[Press@epa.gov]; MacIntyre, Mark[Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Mon 8/17/2015 4:50:54 PM
Subject: RE: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Great. I'll pull the SF answer and send to the reporter. - George

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:48 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert
Cc: Abrams, Dan; StClair, Christie; Hull, George; EOC Public Information; Press; MacIntyre, Mark; Grantham, Nancy
Subject: Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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From: Abrams, Dan
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:05 AM
To: StClair, Christie
Cc: Daguillard, Robert; Mylott, Richard; Hull, George; EOC Public Information; Press; MacIntyre, Mark; Grantham, Nancy
Subject: Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 8:59 AM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

EOC - if the OSWER portion is approved there, pls send that portion to this thread so Mark can get AC approval.

Christie St. Clair

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 5:53 AM, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

All, the reporter is prompting again. Here are the questions. Can we at least send the OSWER segment of the response?

“On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?”

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From: Daguiard, Robert
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 7:39 PM
To: StClair, Christie
Cc: Hull, George
Subject: Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Can we send what we already have from OSWER now and the rest when we're ready? It's been a week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2015, at 5:07 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Okay, thanks George. Rich is now working this.

Christie St. Clair

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From: Hull, George

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 5:01 PM

To: StClair, Christie; Daguillard, Robert; Press; EOC Public Information

Subject: RE: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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From: Christie StClair [<mailto:StClair.Christie@epamail.epa.gov>]

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 4:57 PM

To: Daguillard, Robert; Press

Subject: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Rich, can you tackle these?

Christie St. Clair

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 10:33 AM
To: StClair, Christie; Press
Subject: RE: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use
re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or
elsewhere?

Well, probably. These questions seem to be more in your court. LMK:

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From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 10:25 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert; Press
Subject: Re: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use
re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or
elsewhere?

So do I need to do something here?

Christie St. Clair

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On Aug 14, 2015, at 7:27 AM, "Robert Daguillard"
<Daguillard.Robert@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

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From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:57 PM

To: Daguillard, Robert

Cc: Lee, Monica

Subject: Is this a response we can use re: questions about the
abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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From: Daguiard, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 5:48 AM
To: Cohen, Nancy; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard
Subject: RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill

Thanks again, Nancy.

From: Cohen, Nancy
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 6:24 PM
To: Daguiard, Robert; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard
Subject: RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill

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Dam Safety Agencies, and the Federal Land Management Agencies (e.g., Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and the Forest Service) that have jurisdiction for monitoring the dams on federal lands. EPA does investigate or respond to incidents that are brought to our attention. In August 1994, the EPA report entitled "-Technical Report: Design and Evaluation of Tailings Dams" noted that "EPA estimates that there may be several thousand tailings impoundments associated with active non-coal mining, and tens of thousands of inactive or abandoned impoundments."

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard; Cohen, Nancy
Subject: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill

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From: Karl Mathiesen
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 7:45 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert
Subject: Guardian media enquiry

Hi Robert,

I'm a journalist with the Guardian writing a piece on the release from the Gold King Mine in Colorado.

I have a few questions on the background of the situation. Please do your best to answer them all.

On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?

Best,

Karl

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Karl Mathiesen

London

